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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
(LABOUR BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 28th July, 2020

No. 11/01/2019-2L/1049.-The following draft rules to further amend the Punjab Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Rules, 1973, which the Governor of Punjab proposes to amend in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 (Central Act No. 37 of 1970) and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, are hereby published as required by sub-section (1) of the said section 35, for the information of the persons likely to be affected thereby.

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Rules will be taken into consideration by the Government on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette together with any objection or suggestion, which may be received by the Labour Commissioner, Punjab from any person with respect to the said draft, before the expiry of the period.

Draft Rules

1. These rules may be called the Punjab Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Amendments) Rules, 2020.
2. In the Punjab Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Rules, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), for rule 29, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"29. Renewal of license:- (1) Every contractor shall apply for renewal of the license on online portal www.pblabour.gov.in.

(2) Every such application shall be in Form VII available on online portal specified in sub-rule (1) and shall be made not less than thirty days before the date on which the license expires, and if the application is so made, the license shall be deemed to have been renewed until such date when the renewed license is issued.

- (3) In case of any application for renewal of license, where there is no change in the particulars mentioned in previously granted or renewed license, such license shall be deemed to be auto renewed. However, the applicant shall have to apply for renewal of license on online portal and the license shall be renewed through automatic mode online.
- (4) The fees chargeable for renewal of the license shall be the same as for the grant thereof:

Provided that if the application for renewal is not received within the time specified in sub-rule (2) a fee of twenty five per cent in excess of the fee ordinarily payable for the license shall be payable for such renewal:

Provided further that in case where the licensing officer is satisfied that the delay in submission of the application is due to unavoidable circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, he may reduce or remit, as he thinks fit, the payment of such excess fee."

- 3. In the said rules, after rule 78, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"78A- Maintenance of register and record in digital format: (1) Any register and record required to be maintained under these rules may also be maintained and preserved in digital format and shall contain time stamp, Geo Positioning and Digital Signature of the concerned principal employer or contractor.

- (2) The principal employer or contractor shall provide access to the Inspector to inspect such registers as and when required and shall also make a provision for signing of registers digitally by the Inspectors."

Sd/-

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